

# Making Connections and Activating Schema

	Emerging	Developing	Capable	Experienced	Exceptional
	<input type="checkbox"/> I can't think of any response  <input type="checkbox"/> I can't contribute to the discussion about this text or strategy.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can tell you what this text reminds me of but it would be really hard to explain how those connections fit with the text.	<input type="checkbox"/> I have a very clear idea of how my own experiences, beliefs, and feelings relate to the characters and events or topics in this text.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can describe my background knowledge that related to this text and even develop new thinking and interpretations for it using my schema.  <input type="checkbox"/> I can discuss my schema for this author, and maybe even the way the text is laid out—the text structure.  <input type="checkbox"/> I may have some questions because my schema for some of the content doesn't seem to fit with the way things happen in this text.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can explain how my schema (background knowledge) helps me understand this or any other text much more clearly  <input type="checkbox"/> The connections I make go beyond my own life experience and this text (Text to Self).  <input type="checkbox"/> I make connections to other texts (Text to Text)  <input type="checkbox"/> I am able to think about connections to other issues and other people's experiences (Text to World).  <input type="checkbox"/> I can articulate how using this strategy makes a difference in my comprehension.